

AN INSIDER'S VIEW OF THE 'WAR ON TERRORISM'

Mike Vreeland, a 'discharged' US Navy Lieutenant who spied for the Office of Naval Intelligence, says the United States and several other governments knew well in advance what was planned for September 11.

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If all of its dark alleys could be explored, the case of Delmart Edward Joseph "Mike" Vreeland is one which is worthy of a book that would rival *War and Peace*. It is a case that has sparked zealous attacks on *FTW* and me personally, and one which has seriously disturbed many officials in Washington. These attacks are an indication of the threat Vreeland poses to the credibility of the US government.

There is only one question of any relevance. How was this man able to write details that described the events of September 11, 2001, while locked in a jail cell, more than a month before the attacks occurred?

It matters little to a housewife in Kansas if Mike Vreeland has a very confusing criminal arrest record—some of it very contradictory and apparently fabricated—for a variety of petty criminal offences including fraud. But it might be a matter of the gravest importance for the same housewife if this man knew accurate information about the attacks, tried to warn both the US and Canadian governments about them and was ignored. If a crazy man runs up to you on the street and says that a house is on fire with children trapped inside and you smell smoke, who is the crazy one if you decide not to investigate?

The US Navy says that Vreeland—arrested in Canada on December 6, 2000 and currently fighting a US extradition warrant—was discharged for unsatisfactory performance after only four months of service in 1986. But a growing pile of evidence, much of it filed in court records and undisputed by Canadian or US authorities, establishes clearly that Vreeland was exactly what he says he was: a spy.

In three previous stories, *FTW* has described how Vreeland's military records, acknowledged to be in excess of 1,200 pages, have been tampered with. We have described how his lawyers, in open court on a speakerphone, obtained direct confirmation from the Pentagon that he was a US Navy officer. We have also reported that, on March 14, 2002, all Canadian charges against Vreeland were dismissed and he was released on bail. He has been granted temporary refugee status by the Canadian government until his battle to beat the US extradition request is settled.

Something that Canadian authorities have never disputed is that Vreeland wrote his ominous and hastily scribbled warning a full month before the attacks, and that the warning was sealed away by his keepers, beyond his reach, until September 14, 2001—three days after the attacks.

Both Vreeland and his attorneys believe that if he loses his extradition fight, his assassination will occur within days of his return to US soil.

Mike Vreeland is not a saint. Covert operatives are not made from such material, and governments do not recruit or screen candidates for saintly qualities. By his own admission in Canadian court documents and in several conversations with *FTW*, Vreeland says he has done bad things. He has been on probation for petty offences, and he has behaved the way covert operatives behave in the real world, not in Hollywood.

I have been studying, interacting with and talking to covert operatives for more than 25 years. It is for this reason that I avoid some of the questions being raised by dilettantes

and neophyte journalists who take all of the threads of Vreeland's stories and run with them into a wilderness from which no professional journalist could credibly emerge.

Yes, I have listened to him talk about so-called "red mercury", baseball-sized atom bombs and *Star Wars* weapons systems. Yes, I have heard him talk about a great many things, and I believe that what he told me was truthful according to his knowledge of events and the documents he brought back from Moscow in early December 2000.

Even by his own statements, Vreeland, now 35, was a relatively low-ranking officer and intelligence field operative. Never in the history of covert operations has any government entrusted field operatives with total strategic knowledge, because the knowledge held by those who make the plans is compartmentalised and locked away. Perhaps 80 per cent of all intelligence work is disinformation, and governments know that their field operatives risk capture, interrogation and torture. Quite often, field operatives are themselves fed disinformation so that if they talk, they will still spread lies that serve a larger strategic purpose. Quite often, they carry documents that are deliberately inaccurate and their capture is engineered to give those documents credibility.

To the US government, Vreeland is totally expendable. And those who run with every piece of information he has disclosed will themselves be proved fools in a fool's game. But one question remains—and it is a question that now stands vindicated by time and events. He knew something chillingly accurate about the 9-11 attacks before they happened.

And if he knew something, based upon documents given to him by Russian officials indicating US knowledge, and if the US government went to great lengths to discredit him rather than bring him in from the cold, then there is real meat on the plate for journalists, the American government and all of mankind.

I asked him 35 questions, and now you can read Mike Vreeland's answers as he speaks for himself. The first 32 questions were submitted via email to both Vreeland and his attorney, Paul Slansky, for review and were replied to by telephone. The remaining three questions were asked after the most recent hacking of *FTW's* website, which we believe was perpetrated by the CIA. This made publication of this story an emergency, and also made a statement about the survival of a free press in America. [The final three questions are deleted here, but can be seen on *FTW's* website. Ed.]

From The Wilderness (FTW): What part of the US government did you work for? Was it the CIA?

Mike Vreeland (MV): I worked for US Naval Intelligence. What the CIA directs us to do is their business, so we have no way of knowing whether we're working for them or not.

FTW: Was your assignment primarily connected to terrorism/oil?

MV: Yes, on both issues, in part.

FTW: Why were you in Moscow and Russia in the latter part of 2000?

MV: I was sent there by the US government and the ONI [Office of Naval Intelligence]. I got my orders between September 4 and September 7, 2000. Marc Bastien [an intelligence asset working under the cover of being a systems analyst] departed for Russia on September 7, 2000. I had orders to meet him. Bastien was going to work at the Canadian embassy regarding diagrams and blueprints of a weapons defence system. The US government had a direct influence on his mission. The name of the defence system is SSST [Stealth Satellite System Terminator]. There are five different individual and unique defensive and strike capabilities of the system.

The only portion that I have publicly spoken on is one frame regarding actual current orbiting satellites which are not at this time owned by the US government. On advice of counsel, I cannot discuss the other components.

This one component is a satellite system. Within the confines of the system there are multiple, deployable, space/orbital EMP [electromagnetic pulse] missiles that are not aimed at the ground. They are targeted at everyone else's satellites. These would kill worldwide communications. The satellites of some countries that are shielded with titanium are protected from these weapons. The protected countries are Russia and China, but US satellites are vulnerable and Putin has told Bush that the US Missile Defense System doesn't work, and that Bush knows it.

The reason why I went to Russia was because I needed to meet with Bastien and another individual from the Russian Ministry of Defence, named Oleg. The purpose was to get the Canadian diplomat who had made contact with Oleg to get the book of designs out of the Ministry's R&D. That was done. We copied the entire

book. Then we took certain documents and we changed serious portions of the defence design so the program wouldn't work. They know this now. Additionally, I was to pick up docs from other agents and bring them back.

FTW: You told Canadian authorities that Bastien was murdered when?

MV: I never told them he was murdered. I wrote a letter to Bastien around June of 2001 from jail. I sent it to CSIS [Canadian Security and Intelligence Service] in Ottawa, to the director, for his eyes only. I had restructured the diagram to put it back in its original state. But I never told anyone exactly how to turn it on and how to build it. CSIS already knew that Bastien was dead. He died six days after I was arrested on December 6 [2000]... He was killed on December 12.

CSIS sent RCMP [Royal Canadian Mounted Police] (Sgt Mabe, Corporal Kispol) to visit me in jail on August 8, 2001, and they advised me that he was dead. They didn't say he was murdered. They told me he was dead. I told them that if Bastien was dead, it was murder and that they should get a toxicology report. And I would tell you how it was done and who did it.

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FTW: When did they finally admit that Bastien was murdered?

MV: They admitted that I was correct in mid-January [2002].

FTW: When did you first learn details of the attacks that were to happen on September 11 [2001]?

MV: In the first week of December 2000.

FTW: How did you learn of the details?

MV: One document was written in English by a US agent who had picked up a copy of a document that had been sent to V. Putin by K. Hussein, Saddam Hussein's son. This is what the translation of the doc indicates. The Iraqis knew in June 2000 that I was coming. I didn't get my orders until August. The letter said that Bastien and Vreeland would be dealt with "in a manner suitable to us". The letter specifically stated on page two: "Our American official guarantees this."

FTW: Who put the information on the attacks into the pouch, and what would have been their motive for doing so?

MV: I am not allowed to answer that. It would jeopardise the lives of active agents, and it would violate the National Security Act of 1947.

FTW: After having learned of the details of the impending attacks on the WTC and the Pentagon, how long did you wait before trying to notify Canadian and US authorities of the information?

MV: On December 6, 2000, I told Canadian authorities to their face that I needed to contact the Canadian military immediately. I wrote it down. She [the Canadian official] was playing games, so I wrote down that I was a Russian spy and a weapons systems expert, and that I wanted to talk to them *today*. I said I was a Russian because I figured it would get their attention. The name they had on me was Mikhail Cristianov (Michael Christian), because I had ID that used this name.

FTW: What was their reaction?

MV: The Canadians turned blue, walked away, and I never saw them again.

FTW: How did it make you feel?

MV: I was pissed off. It's on video [referring to a standard jail surveillance/ security video].

FTW: Did the US and Canadian response lead you to reach any conclusions? If so, what were they?

MV: I thought I was dealing with idiots who had no clue about what was about to happen. It's been put to me that there were certain officials who wanted the attacks to happen.

No one ever had any intention of building the system I was after because it would have made the defence budget obsolete. One thing that happened after 9-11 was that the Pentagon budgets soared.

FTW: Your written warning contains the statement: "Let one happen, stop the rest." Who was going to "let one happen"? Who was going to "stop the rest"?

MV: I can't comment, on the advice of counsel.

FTW: Does that statement imply that the US or some other intelligence agency had achieved complete penetration of the terrorist cells?

MV: That goes without question. Sometimes certain governments design, create networks like al-Qa'ida, which was really the government in Afghanistan. Those entities create specific problems at the creating government's direction.

FTW: Do you know who had achieved this penetration?

MV: I cannot comment on that.

FTW: Is it possible that the terrorist cells were being "run" without knowing by whom?

MV: Absolutely.

FTW: The most common excuse people use to discredit you is that you have prior arrests on fraud charges, and there are several press stories linking you to alleged criminal activity. How do you explain this?

MV: The American Express charges are b.s., and AmEx has stated on tape that the specific charges in question were approved. They admit that there was no fraud on this card. That card had been issued to Lt Delmart Michael Vreeland. The

AmEx people admitted that the card was a US Navy card.

People have accused me of identity theft. If anybody checked with the police departments in the US, they would find that there is not one police report from any individual in the US who has alleged that I have stolen any identities. There is not a single identified victim anywhere. Three judges in Canada have denied my requests to have discovery and disclosure on these alleged charges.

The press stories that have circulated about my past are lies. Portions of the stories alleging fraud and ID theft are lies. I have threatened to sue these papers, and the stories have been pulled.

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I was working with ONI. Certain government officials—politicians, brass and high-ranking military—have 11th Amendment privileges and can't be sued. Another government agency has to go investigate activities connected to weapons smuggling, organised crime and drug trafficking. They use their power to break laws, and we're not allowed to investigate them.

Thus certain parts of the US government designed an entity called UIID (Unofficial Intelligence Investigation Division). It was designed by Admiral Jeremy Michael Boorda, who allegedly committed suicide. Boorda put this together prior to becoming CNO [Chief of Naval Operations]. He was not a bad guy.

Intelligence officers are sometimes put into positions where they are given assignments to infiltrate specific organisations that are powerful enough to check out a newcomer's background. Page 335 of the Charter Application in Canadian Court shows a copy of orders from Southern Command. These orders are dated April 18, 2000, concerning an anti-drug operation we were mounting. At approximately the same time, the media released widespread stories that I was a wanted criminal. This was a means of providing cover and credibility for me with the people I was infiltrating.

FTW: How many times have you been arrested on criminal charges?

MV: Maybe three. Some of this I did, like a DUI charge in New York. I had been at the UN, and I had definitely been drinking.

FTW: How many times have you been convicted?

MV: I have never been legally convicted of any criminal felony activity anywhere. The drunk driving charge is still pending, and I have admitted in open court that I did it.

FTW: The Michigan warrant for credit card fraud is based upon the use of your own credit card. How do you explain this?

MV: It is a set-up.

FTW: Were your credit cards authorised or facilitated by the US Navy or any part of the US government?

MV: Yes.

FTW: Could the US government or any of its intelligence agencies have "inserted" the charges through state and local agencies?

MV: Yes.

FTW: You were in custody in New York on the date the alleged Michigan offence took place. What was the charge, and what was the disposition of that case?

MV: That was the DUI charge.

FTW: Was working with organised crime families a part of your duties with the navy?

MV: Yes.

FTW: Were any of the organised crime families in Michigan?

MV: Yes.

FTW: For what reason were you working with organised crime?

MV: I was under orders to do so, 90 per cent of the time. Organised crime supplies the weapons and drugs that go to the

people we investigate.

FTW: Are you afraid you will be killed if you are extradited to the US? Why?

MV: Yes. Because I have spoken out.

FTW: Can you explain why the Canadian courts will not allow your attorneys to introduce evidence that verifies your position with the US Navy?

MV: Yes. The Canadians are totally subservient to US intelligence interests. They're afraid of Uncle Sam. It would also prove that CSIS covered up Marc Bastien's death, and that there was a cover-up involving a member of a major drug organisation that had planned assassinations of prominent Canadians. In fact, one individual was found dead in a vat of acid. He was a hit man.

FTW: What do you want?

MV: I want my uniform back, my back pay at \$4,210.90 a month and my honour. [Vreeland received discharge papers in jail, just days after 9-11. The discharge, faxed via an unnamed source, did not specify "Honorable" or "Dishonorable" conditions, but he was stripped of all benefits. *FTW*]

I want President Bush to give me a full and complete pardon and the amnesty of the US government. I am owed that. I want Bush personally to know everything that I know, and what kind of threats there are against the US. It's never going to happen, so I am now seeking permanent refugee status in Canada and the protection of the United Nations.

FTW: What do you think will happen next in your case?

MV: I don't know. My attorney is in court seeking a postponement of the extradition case because the Canadian government will not allow me to subpoena very important US witnesses from the Pentagon and other places.

FTW: Is the "War on Terrorism" about something other than what the people of the world are being told?

MV: What "War on Terrorism"?

FTW: What do you think will happen next in the war on terror?

MV: Eventually, someone's going to have to tell the truth. Once those people are dealt with according to law,

there will be no more false terror spread across the globe.

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